

## NEWS OF CHURCHES.

**A Pastor's Personal Appearance Too Often Secures Him a Charge.**

## FRESH AND INTERESTING GOSSIP.

**Opinions of Ministers Expressed at the Quiz Meeting Monday.**

## READABLE ITEMS FOR CHRISTIANS

Just now there are many churches with pastors who are seeking those who shall, Sabbath after Sabbath, occupy their pulpits, be visitors at their homes, and be looked up by the leaders in religious work. In calling for ministers, however, how many there are in the congregations that seem to lose sight of the real work and worth of the minister. How many sermons preached by candidates are listened to for the real benefit to be derived from them? Walk out among the congregation that has just heard a "candidate" preach and hear the remarks. Are they in reference to the sweetness of the gospel he has proclaimed? Not always. It is the cut of his coat, the color of his necktie, the gestures he uses, the loudness or the quietness of his delivery, the rapidity or slowness with which he speaks; does he use manuscript or memorize his sermons, and so discard the use of paper in the pulpit? Is he kind, courteous, and pleasant, and if so, what kind of a woman is his wife? We have known a case where one of the best preachers of the day was voted against because he had a mustache, another because his necktie was not as straight in place as it might have been. Churches that are candidating and changing pastors need more of a looking glass religion than the microscope kind we have too much of at present. There is interest among the ministry, truly, in the fact that some churches would not think it "better to hear the lie" than to hear the truth.

If all ministers can say love watches over my quiet way, kind voices and my gentle ways, and like that it is hard to please, then they will feel encouraged to labor on and say:

I have the things I ask of Thee, What more shall I desire? Thou still art my Saviour, and I am only Thy desire.

At the "Quiz" meeting of the Presbyterian Ministerial Association on Monday, led by Rev. J. N. Hays, D. D., Dr. Krumler thought letters of recommendation should be given to those who had not been discharged all their obligations to the church, including financial, as if they had not, they were not honest. Rev. J. T. Hulse thought that the church should not be burdened with as many ordained ministers as it could support. Rev. J. T. Hulse thought that the church should not be burdened with as many ordained ministers as it could support. Rev. J. T. Hulse thought that the church should not be burdened with as many ordained ministers as it could support.

## Church Notes.

The Methodist boards ask \$23,841 for mission work the coming year.

The Baptist Ministers' Conference will listen to "reports" on Monday morning.

McKENNETH, has the original First Church of North America. It was erected in 1634.

The second week in November is the Week of Prayer throughout the world for young men.

The National Council of the Congregational churches will meet in Worcester, Mass., November 15-16.

Twelve hundred adults were baptized into the membership of the M. E. Church in North India last year.

The revival singer, Ira D. Sankey, has decided to settle down, and will make his home on Long Island.

The pastor of the Third U. P. Church, Rev. E. M. Kitchin, will resume charge of the work to-morrow.

Rev. G. V. Vincent, D. D., pastor of the U. P. Church, of Latrobe, Pa., died yesterday at his home in Allegheny.

The General Council of the Lutheran Church will appoint ministers to preach in the churches to-morrow.

Next Thursday evening, at 7:30 the Synod of Pennsylvania will meet in the Second Presbyterian Church, Allegheny.

Rev. W. D. Brown, McDonald, Pa., will preach at the M. Washington U. P. Church next Friday evening at 7:30.

MANY of the pulpits will be supplied to-morrow by members of the M. E. Conference now meeting in Emory Church, East End.

Rev. W. H. McMillan, D. D., of Allegheny, commenced the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination on Sunday.

The organ is again causing trouble at the U. P. Church, Canonsburg. Presbyter will be called on to quiet the warlike elements.

St. Benedict's Catholic Church (colored), on Fulton street, is being extensively repaired. This was formerly the Oldisle mansion.

The old United Presbyterian Church, corner Seventeenth street and Penn avenue, will give way to a new St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church.

RELIGIOUS meetings for young men are held on Tuesday and Saturday evenings, also on Sunday afternoons at 4 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. rooms.

Rev. Mr. APTHEGATE has resigned the pastorate of the McKeesport Co-operative Church. He went there from Rock Island, Ill., about a year ago.

A LADY has given \$10,000 a year for church extension of the Reformed Episcopal Church, and property worth \$50,000 to the seminary of that body.

FOURTH U. P. CHURCH, Pittsburgh, received 25 members on Sunday last, making a total of 121.

The Wilkesburg Church received 12 on Sunday.

A DUNKARD minister at Uniontown, Pa., was put on trial for allowing women in his congregation to wear fancy bonnets, feathers, bustles, etc.

CHRIST CHURCH, Universalist, started May 1, now has 66 members. Rev. W. Williams, pastor, is pushing the work energetically and aggressively.

A FAREWELL reception to Rev. T. E. Cummings and wife, who go to India, was given at the Third U. P. Church, Allegheny, on Thursday evening.

The semi-annual meeting of the U. P. Women's Missionary Society was held at Etta on Thursday. A balance of \$312 was reported in the treasury.

The State Sunday School Convention was held at Williamsport this week, at which there was a large attendance of prominent Sunday school workers.

REV. JAMES E. IRVINE is called to the pastorate of the Third Presbyterian Church, Altoona. He was formerly a member of Allegheny Presbytery.

REV. J. C. HANCOCK, lately pastor of Shebang and Sandy Lake congregations, died October 2. He had been sick for nearly a year with heart disease.

The subject at the Presbyterian Ministerial Association on Monday morning will be "The Hebrews of the Present Day," to be opened by Rev. R. H. Donohoe.

A UNION farewell missionary meeting will be held in the First U. P. Church, Allegheny, on Sunday evening. Dr. J. B. Dales is expected to deliver an address.

REV. W. J. REID, D. D., will conduct the study of the Sunday school lesson to-day in the M. C. R. rooms. Subject: "The Ark Brought Back to Zion."

The annual meeting of the Women's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal

## Church will be held in Roberts Park Church, Indianapolis, October 31.

Bishop PIERCE issued a circular, which was read in the churches of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, asking for contributions for the Johnston churches.

This State Association of Congregational Churches, which session at Corry, Pa., M. Hills, pastor of the First Congregational Church, Allegheny, is in attendance.

Rev. R. B. RUSSELL will administer the sacrament of confirmation at St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Churches to-morrow, the former at 10 A. M., the latter at 2 P. M.

Rev. GEORGE HOPKINS, of Calvary Church, will deliver an address at St. Mark's Guild House, South Eleventh street, on Thursday evening next, "The Crucifixion."

The constitution of the Society of Christian Endeavor has been translated into German, French, Tamil, Chinese, Japanese, Urdu, Turkish and various dialects of Southern India.

SYNOD of Pittsburgh will hold its twenty-eighth annual meeting at Indiana, Pa., next Tuesday, at 2 P. M. The opening sermon will be preached by Rev. R. Anderson, D. D.

The First Co-operative District of the Disciples Church raised \$9,000 last year, and \$7 new members were admitted. Their convention was held at the Hotel Hamilton, Altoona, Pa.

Rev. J. W. HANSEN, in his paper on "Funeral Reform," before the Ministerial Association, advocates short and simple religious services, and private interments and much less display.

At the Woman's Home Missionary Society of Washington Presbytery, it was reported that the society had held its first year.

The society pledged \$200 toward building a school in Alaska.

General conference meeting will be held in the W. C. T. U. rooms, in Wilson's building, Frankstown avenue, East End, to-morrow at 2:30. A minister of the M. E. Conference will deliver the address.

A congregational meeting of the Elmer Street Presbyterian Church, held Monday evening last, a unanimous call was extended to the Rev. J. H. Hulse, of Farmington, Pa., to become their pastor.

Mrs. FLORENCE WISCHNEWSKY has given notice of her resignation from the condition of the working women. She is the daughter of Judge W. D. Kelley, better known as "Big Bill" Kelley.

The Centennial Roman Catholic Congress will meet in Baltimore November 11, and will be called to order by the Hon. John Lee Carroll, grand master of the Grand Lodge, D. C., of the Declaration of Independence.

Rev. DR. SMITH, of Philadelphia, preached the opening sermon on Thursday morning at the opening of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of North America. It is 21 years since this body met in Pittsburgh.

The Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York, of which Rev. John H. D. D., is pastor, has 2,411 members, and contributed \$25,712 last year, all of which went for mission work.

Rev. T. W. JONES, of Philadelphia, and Rev. W. Paddyfoot, "the John B. Gough of Missions," will deliver addresses at the First Congregational Church, of Farmington, Pa., on Sunday evening.

In 1873 the Reformed Episcopalians separated from the Protestant Episcopalians. Now they are again united, with 10,000 members, and a theological school in Philadelphia.

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The Methodist Episcopal Church of Miami, Fla., has just given over its record for several years and paid up all its deficiencies in past years. It has a record of 100 years.

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## WITH ALL ITS FAULTS

**Washington is Yet the Place for the World's Big Reception.**

## A LADY GIVES ITS PROS AND CONS.

**Recalling the Gradities Dickens Criticized 30 Years Ago,**

## COMPARED WITH WHAT HE DIDN'T SEE

(CORRESPONDENCE OF THE DISPATCH.)

WASHINGTON, October 11.—The selection of a site for the World's Exposition is simply becoming a craze. If we listen to the zeal of the nation, the passion of patriotism and honor, the consecrated memories of the martyrs of liberty, Washington is the city that the heart of the American will choose, and the world therefore pay homage to the capital of the greatest government on the globe. The American, from the North and the South, the East and the West, will make the pilgrimage, and behold, perhaps for the first time, the Mecca of the Union.

A national celebration of such importance can only fitly be held at the national capital. The memories, humorous, pathetic and historical, that cluster around this city, are dear to every patriotic heart. After the timid affected Anglo-mania, how exhilarating it is to hear even a great hulking Westerner express himself for the city of the future, and his loyalty when he says:

"I have traveled over Europe, seen St. Paul's and Westminster Abbey, St. Peter's and the Vatican, and I have never seen a building yet that comes anywhere near the capital at Washington—it is so big and so white."

Until the great conflict between the North and South threatened our capital, did the city of Washington become truly the capital of the nation; but, in the hour of danger, it became sacred to millions of people.

## ITS SIMPLICITY.

The simplicity of our Republican Government is illustrated in the rise from humble positions in the capital to seats in Congress. Many of our best Senators were thus worked their way from a page or employee to honored positions.

In the days when the Senate sat with closed doors (if we place over Congressional records, we shall find many a name in legend as hard to manage and as inharmonious as now. These records show that the men now alluded to as dignified statesmen were very human—some of them possessing every temper and condition of mind to criticism and temperaments obstinate over an opinion hastily formed. Closed doors kept the world from knowing of these episodes of session passion. The deposit of the debates, for many years, was the center of the nation, whose replies to sentiments he did not fear were full of stinging criticism and angry sarcasm. He was followed by John Quincy Adams, whose deluge was to raise a storm of debate. Cold-blooded, logical and mercurial, he was a man of great power and force, and attacks on him were like throwing firecrackers at an iceberg.

There is surely less interest taken in Congressional proceedings now than in the old days. The question now is "How long will he speak?"—not "What did he say?" As the Senators begin to congregate, groups are formed until a rap from the presiding officer commands silence. The prayer that follows does not often have many devout hearers. The members, comfortably seated in easy chairs,

## PRETEND TO LISTEN.

If the session is their first, but soon attain that concentration of thought which enables them to read and newspapers, write and retire to the cloak rooms, and yet vote on the question, with no other forfeiture of principle than the sweet sin of wielding official power as they will.

The forms of business in the House, too, are unintelligible to strangers, and the gestulations and cries of "Mister Speaker" need, for Mr. Speaker is keeping his promise of a day before, in recognizing those members who have had the promise of the floor.

In the old days, speeches that were delivered for the purpose of being written out in full by the Senator after he had been delivered. To-day so much do some of the speeches belong to other minds that the Senator who reads would scarcely recognize his "eloquent utterances" after the lapse of a few weeks.

Washington has been called "the headquarters of tobacco tainted saliva," and critics thought they could not exaggerate, and extend to what is practiced. The judge, the lawyer and the prisoner, while jurymen and spectators cannot be outdone in this habit. It is not 50 years since Charles Dickens wrote a description of Washington, saying:

"Plant a great deal of coarse turf in every place where it ought not to be; plow up all the roads; erect three handsome buildings in stone and marble anywhere—but the more entirely out of every body's way the better—call one the postoffice, one the Patent Office and one the Treasury; make it scorching hot in the morning and freezing cold in the afternoon, with an occasional shower of wind and dust; have a brick field with a broken brick in all the places where a street may naturally be expected. Spacious avenues that begin in nothing and lead nowhere; streets, mile long, that only lead to houses, roads and inhabitants; and that's Washington!"

Peace to the ashes of the departed Englishman! Dickens, with all his keen perception of the hidden springs of action in human nature, could not see that here, in our laws, and a recognition, whether they be some of the perage or of the yeomanry.

Critics condemn the architect of the Capitol, the paintings that mean nothing but glare, the statuary with their meaningless and soulless countenances; but it is the nation that has chosen here that does not belong only to the humbler of her sons. Within its walls every State holds its memory; every arch and alcove, every painting, statue or not, is in quest with the history of its past. We have preserved our Government from anarchy and rebellion at the cost of the lives of 1,000,000 men and the tears of more than 1,000,000 women. To-day, as the seat of the national Government, is Washington the Mecca of the American; as it should be the site of that cosmopolitan congregation we expect, to honor Columbia in 1893.